

RemarksClaim Rejections under 35 USC § 101

Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 USC § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. In particular, the Examiner rejected the claims as being "use claims."

Claim 1 has been canceled in the instant application. Claim 7 has been added. Claim 7 is directed to a process including the steps of installing a regenerator chamber of a glass melting furnace with magnesia-zirconia bricks having the recited composition; and at least partially operating the regenerator chamber using a reducing atmosphere.

Support for claim 7 is found in Applicants' disclosure as originally filed, i.e., at page 3, paragraphs 2-5; page 4, paragraph 1; page 5, paragraphs 2, 5-7; page 6, paragraphs 1-2, 5; page 7; and Original Claim 1.

Claim 2-6 have been amended to depend from Claim 7.

It is believed that claims 2-7 overcome the Examiner's rejection of the claims and are now in condition for allowance.

The undersigned will be happy to discuss any aspect of the Application by telephone at the Office's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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